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BACK NEAR THE KREMLIN BUILDING IN RED SQUARE BASCOM and HOUSTON are waiting for MOSS

They observe him shaking hands with the middle aged man wearing a fur coat and a Davy Crocket hat.

BASCOM Looks like we got our contact at the kremlin comrade.

HOUSTON: I have to wear one of those hats when I visit the Rubbermaid Virginia factory for an inspection. MOSS enter's the café and stamps his boots on a welcome mat.

MOSS We have a lead on our stranded Alien and the trail is so hot you can eat your dinner.

BASCOM and HOUSTON budge up and let their comrade sit down.

MOSS You'ill never guess, look at this .

He places a photo on the table of a Sontaron warrior shaking hands with Michael Gorbachov.



MOSS He left KGB and is running a fruit and veg stall at Gorky Park market.

BASCOM and HOUSTON Let me get this straight Oliver. He became a top official after his spaceship crash landed, and later became a special adviser to the Gorbachov administration.

MOSS Now he has retired to sell vegetables at the Gorky park street market .

HOUSTON I'm not buying that cockamaimy story, they look like brothers shaking hands.

BASCOM That's just beautiful.

MOSS And if we hurry we can catch him there right now.

They finish their milkshakes, and pay the bill before leaving.

Back at Moscow state library Joe has found an article that was recently released to the public under KGB thirty year rule.

JO CAPP Strange round metallic object that was seen streaking over the suburbs of Moscow in the early hour of a November morning 1937. Many Muscovites saw this appearance and saw authorities follow it to the woods but there was no crash.

McSHAN Agents back then were given no details, despite requests for information from the emergency services who were at the crash site. Under is a photo of a round object a few hundred feet above the earth.

JO CAPP If this Sontaron did come down to earth then, what happened to his Spaceship?

McSHAN Leans over him studying the photo.

McSHAN Back at home this would have been regarded as a major UFO sighting bigger than Ed Bishop's blond wig. I'll text BASCOM that we have evidence of a UFO in the burbs of this city 75 years ago

The pair make their way out of the library, passing the check out desk ." Thank you comrade" says CAPP giving her his cheesy grin.

As they get out onto the street Walt Bascom texts back that they have a strong lead on there SONTARAN WARRIOR and that he, HOUSTON and MOSS will pick them up in ten minutes.

Two taxis pull up outside MOSCOW STATE LIBRARY and McSHAN and CAPP get in . MOSS is in the front passenger seat, and gives instructions to the driver, before turning to CAPP ..

MOSS Check out this picture of our subject shaking hands with the Russian premier Gorbachov.

CAPP Wow that is heavy duty, he must be one smart potato head . I got a print out from recently released KGB files, look at this .

He hands MOSS a print of a round object in the sky over Moscow.

As the car pulls up opposite the gates of GORKY PARK and all five of them get out and cross the main road , enter the park .A black Lada estate stops behind there taxi , and the two heavies that followed our party from there hotel this morning get out and run up to them, shoving a gun in BASCOM and HOUSTON'S back .

IVOR Don't move or this Capitalist pig dog is dead BASCOM There's something sticking into my back MOSS .

MOSS turns around "

MOSS I knew we should have stayed on PBS and not sold the show to BRAVO .

BASCOM steps up to IVOR to find his gun aimed straight at him.

CAPP shields their secretary behind him, as the other assassin comes over brandishing another pistol.

BORIS We have instructions that GEORGE PRAVDA is to stay with us here in MOSCOW, IVOR DO YOU UNDERSTAND.

MOSS steps forward challenging them .

MOSS If you put the guns down I'll negotiate with your boss.

BASCOM Just lead us to him.
BORIS Alright then we accept .

All four are bundled into the two Lada estates and driven through the back streets at high speed then park at the back entrance to COMRADES NIGHT CLUB.

Oliver and his team are ordered out of the cars ushered at gunpoint into the large back door and up the steps to an office. Vladamier is waiting for them, and they are made to sit on a sofa

before his large mahogany desk and office chair.

Vladmer brings his seat around and faces them before perching on the edge of his desk.

OLIVER Can I presume you are in charge of these henchmen. Why are you accosting American citizens?

Vladamier I am the one asking the questions, Mister Moss please relax

Walt bascom shouts, If you kidnap American citizens and get cort they'll throw away the key and you'll spend the rest of your life in a maximum security penitentiary

VladaMIER WALKS OVER TO HIM and bends down, so his face is near and asks "why are you tracking down a hero of the revolution, that is under my protection, . You are not leaving until I get an answer. "

MATT HOUSTON This alien from outer space is wanted back by his own people and we are here to get him to a rocket on a launch pad in LATIN AMERICA, is that explanation enough.

Vladimer walks back and forth in front of them. "claiming to be in contact with aliens could get you locked up in a sanatorium but it won't get you my trust. I want George Pravda where he is , keeping us aware of why we are here. My brother was in the supreme Soviet with George before the USSR was disbanded.

BASCOM However patriotic you are, Sir, this goes beyond Earth , to a struggle for power between this alien Sontaron race and their rival empire the RUTONS played out in our galaxy. Our government is not taking any sides or making policy here , so it is up to us to see this situation on a Galactic scale.

Vladamer shakes his head and goes over to a window and pulls up some blinds. "This is what I care about, right here, these young people enjoying themselves downstairs."

From his office window ,Vladamiere can see down into the bar in front of the dance hall of his night club. It's early evening and it is already full of people enjoying themselves.

Matt If you let me use one of your computers I can prove what I am saying,

Vladamier George has accepted his fate Mr Houston, he will not see another of his kind, and neither will we. There are still government research projects that have asked me to keep hold of hiM But I'll let you state your case If you would come to the desk

Dorathy hands matt her filofax and he goes over to the desk and sits down behind the raised blinds

THE SCREEN IS REPLACED WITH A SWIRLY pattern, and then a graphic of a star field. " This was picked up by an astronomical satellite dish in Chelmsford 6 months ago.

On the screen a large round spaceship crosses the screen and Matt freezes frames. "Joe, can I have those print outs from the Moscow museum you and Dorathy printed this morning please."

Joe gets up from the couch, and comes around the desk with printouts and places them in front

of his collegue.

Matt holds a picture up to the monitor and says " as you can see , there is a match with this picture of an Unidentified object seen over Moscow seventy five years ago. What do you make of it?

Vladamiere examines and compares the two.

VLADIMIR It is true as you suspected that this picture does show the forced landing of Georges spacecraft . I only know because I Am his manager.

MATT But you must see that this is a match with that landing, and I have experts that say that this starfield is unknown. It comes from a completely different star system to our own. He then calls up a note from Pancey and the flower bed on the planet CLANERIA X.

MATT This is where that spacecraft came from, and they want him back as there planet is threatened by a rival race of beings the RUTONS

MOSS Vladamere, the girls of Claneria X have reached a deal with the Sontarons for their missing comrade in return for protection from another alien race which threatens their sector of space.

Oliver comes over "this is not cold war diplomacy Comrade, it's about a chance to forge a link with another world.

Vlademire straightens up from studying the readouts from the laptop and asks for Walt, Joe and Dorothy to come over. "look at what's going on downstairs"

They see revelers dancing to music

You can have comrade Pravda if he accepts you, though he is a prize position of Russia and considered a hero of the USSR.

All Five are escorted downstairs to the back of the club and ushered into the two LADA ESTATES . There is a chill in the evening air and the windshield is misting up while the engine heats up. Oliver is comforting Dorathy, or maybe it is the other way around as the cars speed up onto a main highway into the city.

Joe cap says "that's the closest I want to get to a Russian gangster this millennium " they Pull UP AND GET OUT then walk over Gorky Park Bridge, where the first market stall they come to is a fruit and veg stall owned by GEORGE PRAVDA.

Walt Bascom is the first to greet the alien "greetings and salutations from the OLIVER MOSS FOUNDATION we are a private consortium here to get you back to your people."

George laughs saying "I have resigned myself to accepting my comrades as my people, and if I did get back it was to happen with a COSMONAUT in the Russian space program. What are you offering me?

MOSS We have picked up messages from space asking us to get you into a fixed orbit for retrieval by one of your SONTARAN BATTLE FLEET and I have a clear passage down across the

black sea to BELARUS, AND THEN A Short plane ride to England.



George Pravda " I sent a message before I crashed and landed 75 years ago on a frequency my people would have intercepted. I was hoping that the modern radio telescopes was Interceptor reply And I've been aging the USSR for a world government where I could go back to my people as a Russian cosmonaut

OLIVER I believe I can get you into space for a rendezvous with your battle fleet if you take a chance with us.

PRAVDA I have always said that if i had a chance of going back to my people I would take it, so I accept your terms

JOE It's a long drive to the black sea, and by then we will have confirmation of a ship to take us and our patient over to Bellerose and then to England.

OLIVER From there we wait to get clearance for a space capsule we have designed for you. Until that is finalized you are to be my guest at my ranch in TEXAS.

PRAVDA I have to get my power pack from home and then I shall come. But the most important thing is to offer my good friend Rinski here" he says, pointing to the father and daughter over buying the clothes that stand opposite "this Cauliflower and cucumber stand and to say goodbye."

the large Sontarons waves to Rinski. "I have a surprise for you comrade and you are going to like it"

Rinski and his daughter come over and are introduced to our founder and his party.

PRAVDA I have had the call Rinski, and I must join my people, you and your family can take the stand tomorrow i'll show you my lock up.

RINSKI Why George, that would be an honor, we won't let you down and will give you your percentage now you're retiring.

WALT Hey guys maybe we can invite these nice muscovites over to the launch day, ever been to South America then ".

RINSKI I always knew there was something different about you George, but we are so multicultural now I never asked you where you came from.

PRAVDA I'll see you tomorrow here at noon, and by then I shall have helped Rinski here set up for his first day and shown him the ropes, "he says, pulling the ropes of his cart over his shoulder.

RINSKI now George I said I would take over the fruit and veg, and I have a man lined up for it,

but I am still a DJ at COMRADES NIGHT CLUB.

Our party watch as George pulls his sledge with the father and daughter by his side taking the produce back to the lock up.

OLIVER See you tomorrow George.

DORATHY Isn't that where we have just narrowly escaped with our lives from guys.

JOE Yes that's right, so that's how that local bigshot keeps tabs on George, he uses one of his DJ's.

WALT Let's get back to the hotel. It's been a trying day and it's getting cold out here.

At a used van dealer, Sparky is negotiating with a young salesman for a minibus.

SPARKY This is a party of seven , man and we want to get to Belarus without being stopped by the KGB

IVOR You can have my best van but the KGB might want some details.

SPARKY We're legitimate, but one of our group has a condition named Water on the brain spreading all over his body, needs medical help over in America and we don't want to be held up. It's a vital mission of mercy so please try to be as quick as possible.

SALESMAN Ok then it's a deal , but I need to know when the rest of your group shall arrive.

Sparky walks back along the path of used cars and walks to the side of the wire fence out of earshot and phones Oliver,

SPARKY I've got a good ship ready to go boss , so what's your eta .

MOSS In two days we shall be with you Sparky, our comrade has agreed to come with us despite Russian reluctance to let him go.

They collect GEORGE PRAVDA from Gorky Park where he is showing his successor the market stall. George kicks his sledge and hands over the rains to RINSKI

GEORGE PRAVDA Best wishes comrade

GEORGE PRAVDA climbs into the back of the bus carrying his power pack in a large briefcase. After a five hour drive the group makes it to the customs at Belarus without obstructions from Russian authorities.

Putting on a disguise of doctors with a very sick patient as they bundle him into a waiting taxi from where it's a short ride to the airport.

GEORGE PRAVDA I'd given up hope of a rescue, but now it's happened I can't wait to get back to my battalion.

OLIVER Down Oxford street for the xmas rush, followed by a tour of Bath would be appropriate. Then it's over to European Space control in French Guiana for a launch on xmas day.

BASCOM This is the most overpopulated country on our planet, and we avoid tactile contact on main roads .

AFTER Joe has waved goodbye to McSHAN ,HOUSTON, MOSS,BASCOM and PRAVDA he collects his yellow fiberglass sports car from heathrow car park and guns the engine into life .

the M1 to take him north when he gets to town center he skirts the shopping plaza and drives to his house . His young ozzy wife's car can be seen in his garage and he parks the kit car in front .

Charlein is in the kitchen as he walks through the front porch of his semi,he bounds up to her and lifts her into his arms .

CHARLEINE I've bought you this lovely backwards alarm clock from Ramsey street.

Joe i don't need an alarm clock from Sydney,

He attempts to carry her along the narrow passageway to the foot of the stairs.

JO CAPP I must thank Oliver Moss for letting me see the capital city of Russia.

Oliver and his party make the journey to Dallas without further incident and SPARKY flies over Dallas to land atSeabreeze Achers ranch. From the sky the outbuildings all carry foundation logos on their roofs,

You don't get out for nought

Where there's muck there's brass

The Helicopter flies down and lands in front of their house and all four disembark.

MOSS Each year I let new teams add a logo to increase our popularity and

influence.I'll show you around GEORGE and let you get settled in.
George I must recharge using this power pack.

He indicates a metal box

MOSS Can that box work on 110 V standard or do I have to get a converter?